

Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Rules, 1995 for providing arms licenses to the victims of atrocities.

(c) Reservation in services including Police and Central Para Military Forces is already being provided to SCs and STs as per existing guidelines.

Vacant Government Land to SC/ST landless families

2474. SHRI VEN'BLE DHAMMAVIRIYO: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government initiated action to distribute vacant Government land to the landless families of SCs/STs during 1991-92, as recommended by Dr. Ambedkar Birth Centenary Celebrations Committee; and

(b) if so, the total land distributed to the SCs/STs in pursuance of the said recommendation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Distribution of land (cumulative) to SCs and STs in accordance with the implementation of Land Ceiling Laws for the quarter ended September, 2000, as reported by the Ministry of Rural Development is as under:

	Area in acres	No. of beneficiaries
SC	17.48 lakhs	19.78 lakhs
ST	7.73 lakhs	8.15 lakhs

Implementation of Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995

2475. SHRI R. MARGABANDU: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the concerns expressed by various High Courts and Supreme Court on implementation of the